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1. The national enterprise Ernest in Sokolov (Falkenau-N51/P58) is the former Falkenau Iron Foundry and Engineering Works. The factory is situated near the Sokolov-Cheb (Eger) railroad line, near the Sokolov railroad station. In front of the factory is a wall two meters high; the back and sides are surrounded by a wire fence. Power is supplied by the Trudnov power station.
2. The plant employs 550 men including 60 office workers. The iron foundry and repair workshops work in two shifts. Factory militia consists of 40 men.
3. The factory specializes in the production of heavy coal mining equipment. It also makes repairs on existing machinery. The iron foundry can work 5,000 kgs. of metal per day. As much as 30 percent of the castings produced have proved defective because of the high percentage of scrap metal used. Very large castings are made in the Trudnov Iron Foundry.
4. Pig iron ingots used in the production of the mining equipment are obtained from the USSR. Steel and sheet steel come from Trinec (Q50/Q87) and Kladno (N51/L59).
5. The plant was entirely re-equipped during the German occupation. The following equipment is now in use:

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Two furnaces for pig iron castings.  
One furnace for non-ferrous metals.  
One furnace for light metals.  
Three mobile cranes.  
Two steam hammers.  
Twenty-five drills.  
One electric shears (2 m. long) and six hand shears.  
Two electric saws.  
Twelve electric and oxyacetylene welders.  
Forty-seven lathes.  
Three horizontal and eight vertical planers.  
Twenty-two polishing machines, of which eight are of the movable axis type.

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